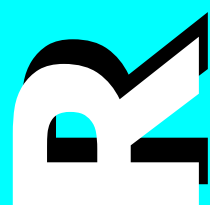
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To: All Providers

RE: Preferred Drug List Update

Effective October 2, 2006, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will temporarily add two anti-influenza drugs, Tamiflu[®] and Relenza[®], to our Preferred Drug List (PDL). No prior authorization (PA) will be needed to dispense these products until further notified.

This change in preferred status is in response to the recent announcement by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding recommendations for using antiviral agents for the 2006-07 influenza season.

For more information regarding the CDC announcement for this year's influenza season, please visit www.cdc.gov/flu. For any additional questions regarding this announcement, please contact Alabama Medicaid's Pharmacy Services at (334) 242-5050.

October 2, 2006